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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robert J. Winchester, et al.

Serial No.: 09/773,876 Examiner: R. Schwadron

Filed : January 31, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1644

For : USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE ACTIVATION OF

CXCR4 RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

May 19, 2005

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

## PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action issued on November 19, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 19, 2004 Final Office Action was originally due February 19, 2005. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from February 19, 2005 to May 19, 2005 for responding to the November 19, 2004 Final Office Action in order to file a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified application. The fee for the extension of time is \$510.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on May 19, 2005 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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Respectfully submitted,

certify hereby correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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